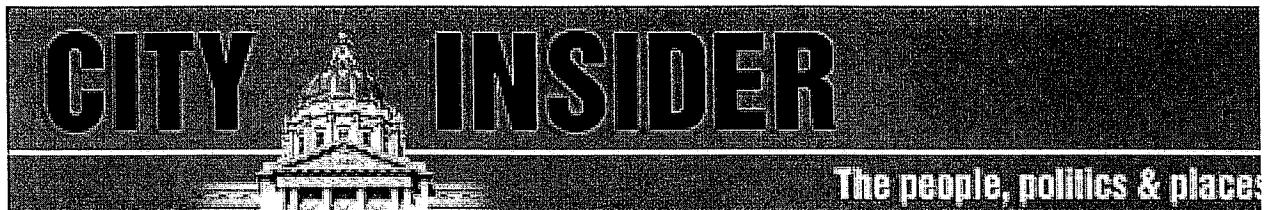


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Ting's bill on Warriors arena sails through Assembly

A controversial measure to smooth the way for a new Warriors' arena on Piers 30-32 cruised through the Assembly Thursday on a 50-9 vote.

AB 1273, which San Francisco Assemblyman Phil Ting introduced at the request of Mayor Ed Lee and the Port of San Francisco, would allow the state Legislature, rather than the Bay Conservation and Development Commission, to determine whether the stadium plan meets the definition of a public trust as regards shoreline development.

Opponents of the project have called Ting's measure an end run around the BCDC, which oversees and issues permits for waterfront projects. Supporters say that the commission will still retain its oversight when it comes to the placement and design of the actual project.

The plan to put a 17,500-arena and other development on the 13-acres of waterfront piers has been attacked since its inception by environmentalists and neighbors concerned about the increased traffic and loss of view the project would bring. They argue that not only is it the wrong development in the wrong place, but that the project also is illegal because it wouldn't serve the maritime needs of the city, as the state requires.

The plan "authorizes a primary non-(public) trust, non-water-dependent use — the indoor arena, non-trust office and retail space and parking below public open space," commission Executive Director Lawrence Goldzband said in a May 22 letter to Assembly Speaker John Perez.

Supporters say that the Legislature already approved a similar mix of maritime and non-maritime-related businesses a few years ago when it agreed to have retail and other commercial uses on the same piers to provide funding for a cruise ship terminal that was never built.

The fight's not going away. Expect many of the same arguments made when Ting's bill goes before the state Senate for approval.

The bill also has split the local Assembly delegation. Assembly members Tom Ammiano of San Francisco, Nancy Skinner of Berkeley and Bob Wieckowski of Fremont all voted against Ting's measure.

From: Ed Kerry <ed@edkerry.com>

Date: June 4, 2013, 6:04:28 PM PDT

To: <lgoldzband@bcdcc.ca.gov>

Subject: Proposed Warriors Arena on Piers 30-32 in San Francisco

Dear Mr. Goldzband,

Never in the history of San Francisco has anyone had the audacity to propose filling the Bay with hundreds of tons of concrete to create artificial land upon which to build a 13-story structure, two football fields long, blocking views and open access to San Francisco Bay -- public trust property that is the very heart of our city, and for which decades of hard work and millions of dollars have been spent to preserve.

This arena will be the tallest structure built on a pier anywhere on the Bay, destroying open space, public access and views. The new Brannan Street Wharf, for example, will see its spectacular views of the Bay and Bay Bridge disappear if this project is not stopped. In contrast, take a look at San Francisco's north shore, where the Marina Green and Crissy Field are perfect examples of an open waterfront and open space offering grand vistas to anyone at anytime, for free. The City's east shore deserves the same.

The BCDC was put in place to protect the environment around the Bay, and now must show its strength and use its historical legacy as a protector of the environment to tell the California legislature that it strongly opposes this project. If not the BCDC, then who will use their voice to protect our environmental treasures?

Enclosed sports arenas like the proposed Warriors arena do not belong over the waters of San Francisco Bay; they should be built on land. Please speak out loudly and clearly against this arena and say NO, this must not be allowed to happen -- for the sake of our Bay and environment and for all the citizens of our great city and the millions who visit here to take in the sights of what nature has generously bestowed upon us.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Edward Kerry
San Francisco



May 23, 2013

Hon. Phil Ting
California State Assembly
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

OPPOSE – AB 1273 (Ting) – Piers 30-32 Exemptions from Tidelands Trust and BCDC Plan

Dear Assemblymember Ting:

The Pacific Merchant Shipping Association (PMSA) must respectfully oppose your AB 1273, as amended April 24, 2013, that substitutes legislative pronouncement of the appropriate use of granted tidelands trust for the traditional trust purposes of commerce, navigation, and open-space preservation.

This proposal is the latest in a series of efforts up and down the Pacific coast to develop sports arenas on or near port properties:

In 2008, PMSA, the Port of San Diego, and a coalition of labor and business waterfront interests fought and defeated a similar effort to this one which would have enabled the development of a new stadium for the San Diego Chargers on waterfront berths near downtown San Diego. Beginning last year, PMSA, the Port of Seattle, and a coalition of labor and business waterfront interests banded together to stop the development of a waterfront basketball arena in the City of Seattle which was meant to be the future home of the Sacramento Kings. AB 1273 represents the third such attempt in the past five years.

The creation of a land-use designation on Piers 30-32 for a multi-use basketball arena is inapposite with the land use restrictions of the Public Trust Doctrine and the limitations on the use of tidelands which have existed in California since the granting of its statehood. The two touchstones of a violation are clearly at-issue here: (1) the primary land use proposed is not water-dependent or directly related to water-dependent uses, such as commerce, navigation, fisheries, or open space preservation; and, (2) the primary land use proposed is for a quasi-municipal purpose unconnected with trust uses.

We appreciate that the Port of San Francisco has worked to ensure that specific attention paid to some maritime uses by the proposed developers in this Legislation, and that is good news. However, the fact that some trust or trust-related uses may be approved as ancillaries to a primary use is not enough to save a non-trust primary use. Likewise, while the preservation of public access is a nod to the trust, its inclusion does not make this non-trust use compatible.

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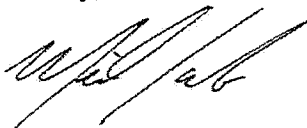
AB 1273 also substitutes legislative judgment for application of the BCDC Seaport Plan. The Waterfront Land Use Plan, identified as a basis for action in this bill, is only applicable as directed pursuant to the Seaport Plan, and that Plan requires that only "interim use policies" can be implemented at Piers 30-32. Specifically, the *San Francisco Bay Area Seaport Plan* (Amended: January 2012), Page 36 provides:

6. The Port of San Francisco's financial situation precludes significant investment in maritime facilities in the foreseeable future. Until such time as there is a demand for the Port's unused facilities for maritime cargo operations, the Port must be able to lease the properties for interim uses and generate revenues to keep the facilities in good repair. Interim uses must not inhibit the eventual use of the facilities for maritime cargo shipping, and the length of the interim use should be determined on a case-by-case basis. In determining the appropriate length of the interim use, the cost and a reasonable amortization period for the proposed interim use should be considered. The Port's Waterfront Land Use Plan will include more specific interim use policies intended to guide the Port in its interim leasing actions.

Finally, the financial condition of a trustee should not presuppose the need by a trustor to create non-trust compliant uses. As such, this legislation would create a perverse incentive to tidelands-trust grantees: if assets maintained on behalf of the state are allowed to deteriorate, then the Legislature will authorize the approval of non-trust uses that would have been prohibited if those capital assets had been otherwise maintained. Given the fiduciary duties of a local government trustee to take care, control, maintain and make productive trust property on behalf of the State (*Pub. Res. Code §6009.1(c)*) this is an untenable precedent.

We applaud the desire to invest in waterfront assets and improve Port facilities represented by this bill, however, such investments in state-granted Port property must be made in furtherance of the tidelands trust, not in spite of it.

Sincerely,



Mike Jacob
Vice President

cc: KP Public Affairs

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May 27, 2013

Mr. Lawrence J. Goldzband
Executive Director,
San Francisco Bay Conservation & Development Commission
50 California Street, #2600
San Francisco, Ca. 94111

Re: AB 1273

Dear Mr. Goldzband:

Thank you for the very thorough, thoughtful work that you, Ms. Michaels and the rest of your staff have done with regard to analyzing AB 1273 and for the recommendations that you and staff brought before the Commission.

It is extremely regrettable that enough raw political power was applied to reject your primary recommendation and thus to make the protection of Bay waters and the statutory prerogatives of BCDC secondary to the demands of a politically well-connected waterfront developer.

Those of us opposed to AB 1273 can understand and sympathize with the position that BCDC staff has been put in and support your efforts to achieve further amendments to the bill.

We do however feel strongly that negotiations between BCDC staff, staff of the State Lands Commission and representatives of the SF Port/developer should be taking place in the regulatory context rather than in the legislative context - where there is a figurative gun at the back of the regulatory staffs.

Our group of local officials, environmental organizations and residents continue – irrespective of any amendments – to consider AB 1273 an unnecessary and pernicious intrusion into the regulatory process and will do everything within our abilities to see that the bill is defeated in the Senate.

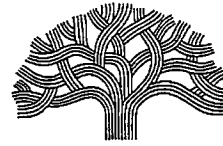
We hope that you and your colleagues will understand that our activities in the Senate are not directed at you but are intended to be supportive of what we believe BCDC's mission and its statutory authority continue to demand.

Very truly yours,

Rudy Nothenberg
Chief Administrative Officer, City & County of San Francisco (retired)

cc: Commissioner Ann Halsted
cc: Ms. Jaime Michaels

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May 28, 2013

The Honorable Philip Ting
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Assembly Bill 1273 (Ting) – OPPOSE FROM THE CITY OF OAKLAND

Dear Assemblymember Ting:

On behalf of the City of Oakland, I am writing to express my continued opposition to AB 1273.

Of utmost concern is the negative economic impact this bill would pose to our local residents and local economy. Should the Golden State Warriors move to San Francisco, there would be a loss of events at the Oracle Arena in Oakland. A major decline in events, at minimum 43, would result in a major decrease in sales tax revenue and would be another substantial economic blow to the City's operating funds. At a time when we are trying to recover from an economic recession, we need to preserve and protect every source of revenue we have. This enormous adverse impact on local small businesses that rely on the Warriors, many of which are minority owned and operated, is catastrophic.

As one of the most populous urban cities in California with diverse communities, we need to secure as much revenue as possible to ensure the health and safety of our residents. Whether its revenue secured from parking, concessionaires, small businesses, or merchandise, this dramatic loss would set the City of Oakland back financially.

In addition, many of the current employees who support the daily operations of the Oracle Arena in Oakland are local residents. Many of these employees work two jobs in order to support their families. The Oracle Arena is located in an area of the City where there is high unemployment, historically disenfranchised and minority communities. The Arena has become a staple of the neighborhood and a part of its culture. A decline of events at the Arena results in another blow to Oakland's already high unemployment rate of 10.8 %.

Due to these factors listed above, the City of Oakland remains in opposition to your bill.

Sincerely,

Jean Quan
Mayor of Oakland



ALAMEDA COUNTY
SACRAMENTO LEGISLATIVE OFFICE

May 20, 2013

Assemblyman Mike Gatto, Chair
Assembly Committee on Appropriations
State Capitol, Room 2114
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1273 (Ting): Tidelands; Piers 30-32; Multipurpose Venue – **OPPOSE**
Assembly Committee on Appropriations

Dear Assemblyman Gatto:

On behalf of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, I regret to inform you that the County must oppose AB 1273 (Ting) due to the detrimental economic impacts this measure would have on Alameda County should the Golden State Warriors move to the City & County of San Francisco.

Currently, Alameda County experiences a 7.7% unemployment rate, and the economic recovery has been slow. The absence of the Golden State Warriors in Alameda County, and the shuttering of Oracle Arena as their home, would mean a loss of much needed jobs and economic vitality not only to Alameda County but specifically to the low-income community that hosts them.

As the anchor tenant, the Golden State Warriors are also an attraction for other world class entertainment at the Oracle Arena. While the existing Golden State Warriors' licensing agreement specifies that the Warriors contribute up to \$7.4 million annually toward debt service for capital improvements made to the Oracle Arena (Oakland/Alameda County Arena), the economic loss of other events and jobs at the Arena will eclipse these payments. As of 2017, there will be approximately \$66 million in outstanding debt on the Arena bonds.

The Golden State Warriors enjoy a strong and loyal fan base at the Oracle Arena which is a modern multipurpose facility. The economic impacts AB 1273 will have on Alameda County and its ability to budget for public safety and social services should be factored into fiscal committee's considerations. Therefore, on behalf of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, I urge you to vote NO on AB 1273 (Ting).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven T. Wallaich".

Steven T Wallaich
Legislative Advocate

Cc: Members and Consultant to the Assembly Committee on Appropriations
Assemblyman Phillip Ting
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THE ULTIMATE SPORTS GUIDE

June 5, 2013

The Honorable Philip Ting
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Assembly Bill 1273 (Ting) – OPPOSE FROM ULTIMATE SPORTS GUIDE

Dear Assemblymember Ting:

On behalf of the XXX Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to express opposition to AB 1273 because of the negative economic impacts on both Alameda County and the City of Oakland.

Alameda County has a 7.7% unemployment rate and the City of Oakland has a 10.8% unemployment rate. Our economic recovery has experienced several false starts as a result of the global recession and the loss of state redevelopment funds. Should the Golden State Warriors move to San Francisco, there would then be a major loss of events at the current facility in Oakland. This equates to a large drop off in sales tax revenue that would be another substantial economic blow to the City's operating funds. At a time when we are trying to dig out of an economic recession, we need to keep every dollar we have.

As one of the most populous urban cities in California with a high percentage of low income communities, we need to secure as much revenue as possible to ensure the health and safety of our residents. With a decline of events at the Arena means another blow to Oakland's already high unemployment rate.

Due to these factors listed above, the Ultimate Sports Guide is in opposition to your bill.

Sincerely,

Christopher Weills

June 5, 2013

The Honorable Philip Ting
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3173
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Assembly Bill 1273 (Ting) –
OPPOSE FROM A MEMBER OF "SAVE OAKLAND SPORTS"**

Dear Assemblymember Ting:

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With that said, as a member of Save Oakland Sports, I oppose your bill.

Best regards,

Thelma Marie Lawrence



May 28, 2013

The Honorable Philip Ting
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Assembly Bill 1273 (Ting) – OPPOSE FROM AIRPORT AREA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

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The loss of the Warriors team would be devastating to our local economy.

Due to these factors listed above, and as an AABA board member, I am in opposition to your bill.

Sincerely,

Kyle Taylor
Shred Works



May 28, 2013

The Honorable Philip Ting
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Assembly Bill 1273 (Ting) – OPPOSE FROM AIRPORT AREA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Dear Assemblymember Ting:

On behalf of Safe Storage, I am writing to express opposition to AB 1273 because of the negative economic impacts on both Alameda County and the City of Oakland.

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Due to these factors listed above, Safe Storage is in opposition to your bill.

Sincerely,

Randall Whitney

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The Honorable Philip Ting
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Assembly Bill 1273 (Ting) – OPPOSE FROM AIRPORT AREA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Dear Assemblymember Ting:

On behalf of the Art Sign Co., I am writing to express opposition to AB 1273 because of the negative economic impacts on both Alameda County and the City of Oakland.

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Due to these factors listed above, Art Sign Co. is in opposition to your bill.

Sincerely,

Mike Tallent



May 28, 2013

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Due to these factors listed above, and as an AABA board member, I am in opposition to your bill.

Sincerely,

Ana Chretien
ABC Security Service



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The Honorable Philip Ting
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3173
Sacramento, CA 95814

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As the business district that hosts the Golden State Warriors, we do not want to see them move to San Francisco. The loss of our team would be devastating to the local and regional economy of Oakland.

Due to these factors listed above, the Airport Area Business Association is in opposition to your bill.

Sincerely,

Debbie Hauser
Executive Director

May 28, 2013

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California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3173
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Due to these factors listed above, and as an AABA board member, I am in opposition to your bill.

Sincerely,

Mike Yoell
Core Security Solutions

June 3, 2013

The Honorable Philip Ting
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3173
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Assembly Bill 1273 (Ting) –
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With that said, as a member of Save Oakland Sports, I oppose your bill.

Sincerely,

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Debra Hauser

May 30, 2013

The Honorable Philip Ting
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Assembly Bill 1273 (Ting) – OPPOSE FROM ANN COOKE, President of AABA

Dear Assemblymember Ting:

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As one of the most populous urban cities in California with a high percentage of low income communities, we need to secure as much revenue as possible to ensure the health and safety of our residents. A decline of events at the Arena translates to an increase in Oakland's already high unemployment rate. Furthermore, the Golden State Warriors have experienced unprecedented success celebrating sell-out crowds for every home & post season game this year playing *right here at Oracle Arena*. Incurring the costs and environmental concerns that would transpire in moving the team to San Francisco does not make sense from any standpoint save for the greed of San Francisco City Officials.

As a 40 year resident of the Oakland / Alameda community, I vehemently protest the AB 1273 proposed legislation. California's East Bay needs the Warriors to stay here for the economic reasons stated and for the health and well-being of our community at large!

Due to these factors listed above, the Airport Area Business Association is in opposition to your bill.

Sincerely,

Ann Cooke
President of AABA

June 5, 2013

The Honorable Philip Ting
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Assembly Bill 1273 (Ting) – OPPOSE FROM A MEMBER OF “SAVE OUR SPORTS”

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With that said, as a member of Save Our Sports, I oppose your bill.

Sincerely,

Cisco Ortega

June 2, 2013

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Sacramento, CA 95814

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Sincerely,

Randall Whitney

The Honorable Philip Ting
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3173
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Assembly Bill 1273 (Ting) –
OPPOSE FROM AIRPORT AREA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**

I oppose SB 1273. The state should not permit a transfer of public land until the team performs under the lease wherein the JPA bonds are outstanding. No public transfer should be permitted to where public agency, ie. JPA bonds are outstanding. The facility in SF is an unnecessary expenditure which adversely impacts the City of Oakland and County of Alameda bondholders and taxpayers. The recent success of the Warriors in Oakland demonstrates the unnecessary and extravagant use of public funds to support the transfer of the team to SF.

Jay Musante
AABA Board, Retired City of Oakland

June 1, 2013

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Myran Gist

Save Oakland Sports

To keep the Raiders, A's and Warriors in Oakland

May 28, 2013

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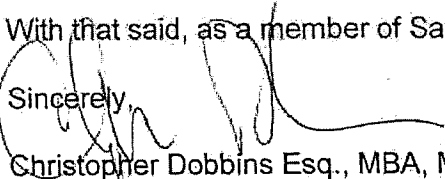
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Christopher Dobbins Esq., MBA, MPA
Co-Founder/President
Save Oakland Sports
510-562-2506

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May 30, 2013

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California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Assembly Bill 1273 (Ting) - OPPOSE

Dear Assemblymember Ting:

I am writing to express opposition to AB 1273 because of the negative economic impacts on both Alameda County and the City of Oakland.

Alameda County has a 7.7% unemployment rate and the City of Oakland has a 10.8% unemployment rate. Our economic recovery has experienced several false starts as a result of the global recession and the loss of state redevelopment funds. Should the Golden State Warriors move to San Francisco, there would then be a major loss of events at the current facility in Oakland. This equates to a large drop off in sales tax revenue that would be another substantial economic blow to the City's operating funds. At a time when we are trying to dig out of an economic recession, we need to keep every dollar we have.

As one of the most populous urban cities in California with a high percentage of low income communities, we need to secure as much revenue as possible to ensure the health and safety of our residents. With a decline of events at the Arena means another blow to Oakland's already high unemployment rate.

The loss of the Warriors team would be devastating to our local economy.

Due to these factors listed above, I am in opposition to your bill.

Sincerely,

Myran Gist
AABA Member

May 30, 2013

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Alton Jelks
Jelks Group Dynamics